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Hon. J. Patrick McArdle Judge of the County Court P.O. Box 865 Wilber, NE 68465

J. Patrick McArdle to Serve as County Court Presiding Judge for the 1st Judicial District in 2010

Judge J. Patrick McArdle has been named County Court Presiding Judge of the 1st Judicial District (Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, and Thayer Counties) beginning January 2010. The Nebraska Supreme Court approved the nomination of Judge McArdle, whose name was submitted by his fellow county court judges for the leadership position.

Judge McArdle has served on the county court bench in the 1st Judicial District since taking the bench September 1983. He currently serves as chairman of the Probate, Civil Procedure, Court Rules & By-Laws Committee of the Nebraska County Judges' Association. He is vice-chair of the County Judges' Education Committee where he participates in design and development of continuing education for county judges statewide. McArdle was elected President of County Judges Association in 1994 and has served several terms as presiding judge beginning in 1997.

As presiding judge, McArdle has primary responsibility for overseeing the delivery of county court services within the 1st Judicial District. Judge McArdle will serve as the liaison to other agencies of local and state government for the courts of the district and to the Nebraska State Bar Association and the media.

Presiding judges also bear the responsibility for the hiring, evaluation, and discipline of county court staff and provide county courts in the area with direction in matters of local district policy.